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Starting off on a serious note, I must report that our own Gen. Fay R. Upthegrove is now recovering, in the Olean General Hospital, N.Y., from an aneurysm operation, successfully performed on Wed., Dec. 1. Specifically, it was the 'big aorta across the abdomen' if I correctly read Betty from our 3 phone conversations as of this typing. Tests were taken beforehand, of course, and Gen. Uppie was declared in good shape, and is also making good progress at this time, I might add. In fact, he was up for a little while on Thursday, and is up 2 or 3 times a day. The intravenous tubes are out and he was about to start on liquids. By now I'm sure the Gen. is probably getting more 'stick to the ribs' type of stuff. We always knew you were of tough stock, Gen.! All in all, he should be home in a couple of weeks, and about 6 weeks should see him running around the block! Our best to you, Gen. Uppie, and God Bless! We are all looking forward to your complete recovery very soon, and hope to see you both in Albuquerque at our May Reunion, OK? To those of you 99ers gawking at this, may I suggest a Get Well card to be sent to you know who? I'm sure it would help to make his day. Also, some good thoughts in his behalf would be in order even though he is a mere youth of 39!

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As can be seen, there are spelling mistakes in the List of our Combat Missions. Sorry about that, but I'm sure they were already on the awful copies Pauline Jennings had to work from that Bernie Barr had. As I've said before, Pauline did a fantastic job, and those of us who were on our own individual missions 'Know what's what, right? Just for the heck of it, I checked my copy of the missions I flew, so I know a lot of you can relate to my dates, mission-wise, as follows: July 1944--16, 18 (recall-our plane lost a supercharger on takeoff), 19, 21, 22, 24, 25, 26, 31.-Aug. 1944--2, 3, 6, 7, 9, 13, 14, 15, 18, 20, 23 (Caterpillar Club Day), and last, Sept. 12, 1944, then back to 347th Tech Supply. By the way, my record was signed like so:

Bernice S. Barr
Lt. Col. Air Corps
99th B. Gp. (H) Operations Officer

(Small world, right?)--(fhe)

Because of the List of Combat Missions, and the updated Roster, this first edition of the new year is necessarily without the usual amount of what is laughingly known as 'News'! I believe you all realize, and I would hope it is Ok, that it is time for a new Roster, for example. HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!
frank e.

THREE HUNDRED FORTY SIXTH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON

Ninety Ninth Bombardment Group (H) Army Air Forces

Office of the Operations Officer

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New York, NY,
4 May 1945COMBAT MISSIONS FROM NAVARIN FLD, ALGERIA, N. AFRICA

<u>MISSION NUMBER</u>	<u>TARGET</u>	<u>DATE</u>
1	A/D AT VILLACIDARO, SARDINIA	31 Mar 43
2	A/D AT TRAPANI, ITALY	5 Apr 43
3	NAVAL BASE AT LA MADDALENA, SARDINIA	10 Apr 43
4	SHIPPING HARBOR AT MARSALA, SICILY	11 Apr 43
5	TANKERS IN TRAPANI HARBOR, SICILY	12 Apr 43
6	A/D AT MONSERVATO, SARDINIA	14 Apr 43
7	SHIPPING HARBOR AT PALERMO, SICILY	17 Apr 43
8	BOCA DE FALCO A/D AT PALERMO, SICILY	18 Apr 43
9	SIDI AHMED A/D AT TUNIS, NORTH AFRICA	20 Apr 43
10	LANDING BARGES IN BIZERTE, AFRICA	21 Apr 43
11	SHIPPING HARBOR AT MARSALA, SICILY	6 May 43
12	CITY PROPER AT PALERMO, SICILY	9 May 43
13	MILO A/D AT TRAPANI, SICILY	10 May 43
14	CITY PROPER AT MARSALA, SARDINIA	11 May 43
15	CITY PROPER AT CAGLERIE, SARDINIA CAGLIARI (?)	13 May 43
16	HARBOR AND SHIPPING AT CIVITAVECHIA, ITALY	14 May 43
17	MESSINA SICILY, BOMBS DROPPED ON TRAPANI, SICILY	18 May 43
18	A/D AT SCIACCA, SICILY	19 May 43
19	A/D AT CASTELVETRANO, SICILY	21 May 43
20	NAVAL BASE AT LA MADDALENA, SICILY	24 May 43
21	RR/YDS, NAPLES, ITALY	25 May 43
22	DOCKS AREA AND SHIPS AT MESSINA, SICILY	25 May 43
23	OIL REFINERIES AT LEGHORN, ITALY	28 May 43
24	CAPODICHINO AIRDROME, NAPLES, ITALY	30 May 43
25	A/D AT FOGGIA, ITALY	31 May 43
26	BATTLESHIPS IN LA SPEZIA HARBOR, SICILY	5 Jun 43
27	TOWN OF PANTELLERIA OFF THE COAST OF AFRICA	7 Jun 43
28	PANTELLERIA GUN EMP, OFF THE COAST OF AFRICA	8 Jun 43
29	PANTELLERIA GUN EMP, OFF THE COAST OF AFRICA	9 Jun 43
30	PANTELLERIA GUN EMP, OFF THE COAST OF AFRICA	10 Jun 43
31	PANTELLERIA GUN EMP, OFF THE COAST OF AFRICA	10 Jun 43
32	PANTELLERIA GUN EMP, OFF THE COAST OF AFRICA	11 Jun 43
33	A/D AT CASTELVETRANO, SICILY	12 Jun 43
34	BOCA DE FALCO A/D AT PALERMO, ITALY	15 Jun 43
35	RR/YDS and M/Y AT MESSINA, SICILY	18 Jun 43
36	RR/YDS AT NAPLES, ITALY	21 Jun 43
37	CITY PROPER AT MESSINA, SICILY	25 Jun 43
38	SHIPS HARBOR AT LEGHORN, SICILY	28 Jun 43
39	BOCA DE FALCO A/D AT PALERMO, SICILY	30 Jun 43
40	A/D AT MONSERVATO, SICILY	3 Jul 43
41	A/D AT GERBINI, SICILY	5 Jul 43
42	A/D AT GERBINI, SICILY	6 Jul 43
43	A/D AT GERBINI, SICILY	7 Jul 43
44	A/D AND SATTELITES 4 & 5 AT GERBINI, SICILY	8 Jul 43
45	A/D AT SCIACCA, SICILY	9 Jul 43
46	A/D AND SATTELITES 4 & 5 AT GERBINI, SICILY	10 Jul 43
47	M/Y AT CATAINI, SICILY	11 Jul 43
48	RR/B AT MESSINA, SICILY	12 Jul 43
49	A/D AT CATAINI, SICILY	13 Jul 43
50	RR/Y AT MESSINA, SICILY	14 Jul 43
51	RR/Y AT NAPLES, ITALY	15 Jul 43
52	FERRY AT VILLA SAN GIOVANNI, ITALY	16 Jul 43
53	RR/Y AT NAPLES, ITALY	17 Jul 43
54	M/Y ROME, ITALY	19 Jul 43
55	A/D AT GROSSETTO, ITALY	21 Jul 43
56	M/Y AT FOGGIA, ITALY	22 Jul 43
57	M/Y AT BOLOGNA, ITALY	24 Jul 43

Received another dandy letter from Wren (Ernest Wrentmore). Sorry to say, the Dept. of Defense rejected Congressman Chappie's HR Bill 4692, in the matter of Wren being considered for the Congressional Medal of Honor--again! I saw all the records, and it is a crying shame! If you remember, I had the story in our last issue and will update same.

99th B. Gp. HISTORICAL SOCIETY--HAPPY NEW YEAR! (3)

Combat Missions, Ninety Ninth Bombardment Group (H) Army Air Forces (cont)

58	TORRETORRELLA LANDING GROUNDS, FOGGIA, ITALY	27 Jul 43
59	GROTTAGLIE A/D NEAR TARANTO, ITALY	30 Jul 43
60	NAPLES DOCKS, ITALY	1 Aug 43

TARGETS FROM OUDNA FIELD, TUNIS

61	A/D AT MESSINA, SICILY	6 Aug 43
62	MESSINA CROSS ROADS, SICILY	9 Aug 43
63	LORENZO M/Y AT ROME, ITALY	13 Aug 43
64	LE TUBE A/D NEAR MARSEILLE, FRANCE	17 Aug 43
65	CITY OF FOGGIA, ITALY	19 Aug 43
66	FOGGIA A/D #2, ITALY	25 Aug 43
67	A/D AT CAPUA, ITALY	26 Aug 43
68	RR/CENTER AT SULMONA, ITALY	27 Aug 43
69	M/Y AT TERIN, ITALY	28 Aug 43
70	M/Y AT OTTE, ITALY	29 Aug 43
71	M/Y AT PISA, ITALY	31 Aug 43
72	M/Y AT BOLOGNA, ITALY	2 Sep 43
73	NAPLES CAPODICHINA A/D, ITALY	4 Sep 43
74	A/D AT VITERBO, ITALY	5 Sep 43
75	POMIGLIANI, A/D AT NAPLES, ITALY	6 Sep 43
76	A/D #1, AT FOGGIA, ITALY	7 Sep 43
77	CITY PROPER AT FRACATTI, ITALY	8 Sep 43
78	PLANE FACTORY AND BRIDGE AT CAPUA, ITALY	9 Sep 43
79	HIGHWAY AND BRIDGE AT ISERNIA, ITALY	10 Sep 43
80	HIGHWAY BRIDGE AT BENEVENTO, ITALY	11 Sep 43
81	A/D AT FROSINONE, ITALY	12 Sep 43
82	TORRE AMMUNITION, ROADS AND ENEMY TROOPS, ITALY	14 Sep 43
83	CROSS ROADS AT EBOLI, ITALY	16 Sep 43
84	BRIDGES AT BENEVENTO, ITALY	18 Sep 43
85	A/D AT VITERBO, ITALY	19 Sep 43
86	M/Y AT BOLOGNA, ITALY	25 Sep 43
87	M/Y AT BOLOGNA, ITALY	28 Sep 43
88	MESSERSCHMITT PLANT AT AUGSBURG, GERMANY	1 Oct 43
89	RR/B AT BOLZANO, ITALY	4 Oct 43
90	M/Y AT PISA, ITALY	4 Oct 43
91	M/Y AT BOLOGNA, ITALY	5 Oct 43
92	M/Y AT MESTRE, ITALY	6 Oct 43
93	A/D AT SALONIKA, GREECE	9 Oct 43
94	A/D AT LARRISSA, GREECE	9 Oct 43
95	TATOI A/D AT ATHENS, GREECE	10 Oct 43
96	M/Y AT TERNI, ITALY	14 Oct 43
97	RR/B AT TERNI, ITALY	21 Oct 43
98	A/D AT WIENER NEUSTADT, AUSTRIA	24 Oct 43
99	GENOA M/Y AND HARBOR, ITALY	29 Oct 43
100	TURIN BALL BEARING FACTORY, M/Y, TURIN, ITALY	30 Oct 43
101	RAILROAD AND VIADUCT AT ANTHEOR, FRANCE	1 Nov 43
102	A/D AT WIENER NEUSTADT, AUSTRIA	2 Nov 43
103	THREE RR/BRIDGES AT ORBETTELLO, N. ITALY	6 Nov 43
104	TURIN BALL BEARING FACTORY AT TURIN, ITALY	8 Nov 43
105	M/Y AT BOLZANO, ITALY	16 Nov 43
106	LE TUBE A/D, FRANCE	17 Nov 43
107	ATHENS ELEUSIS, A/D, GREECE	18 Nov 43
108	DOCK YARDS, TOULON, FRANCE	22 Nov 43
109	DOCK YARDS, TOULON, FRANCE	24 Nov 43
110	M/Y AND BRIDGE GRIZZANO, ITALY	27 Nov 43
111	FIANO ROMANO, A/D ITALY	29 Nov 43
112	AERO ENGINE WORKS, TURIN, ITALY	1 Dec 43
113	GRIZZANO, M/Y ITALY	6 Dec 43
114	SHIPPING AND PORT FACILITIES, SAN STEFANO, ITALY	8 Dec 43

TARGETS FROM FOGGIA, ITALY

115	ELEUSIS A/D, GREECE	14 Dec 43
116	M/Y BOLZANO, ITALY	15 Dec 43
117	M/Y PADUA, ITALY	16 Dec 43
118	M/Y INNSBRUCK, GERMANY	19 Dec 43
119	ELEUSIS A/D, GREECE	20 Dec 43
120	UDINE M/Y, ITALY	25 Dec 43
121	M/Y RIMINI, ITALY	28 Dec 43

A word of thanks to Lorin Zick, and also to Jim Sopp (both of whom were at Muskegon). They are both great guys--not as nice as me--but OK! Lorin sent me, as he had promised, a dandy assortment of poems, which I will endeavor to use as fillers in upcoming Newsletters.

Combat Missions, Ninety Ninth Bombardment Group (H) Army Air Forces (cont)

122	FERRARA M/Y, ITALY	29 Dec 43
123	VERONA M/Y, ITALY	30 Dec 43
124	VILLA PEROSE, ITALY, IMPORTANT BALL BEARING FACTORY	3 Jan 44
125	BUSINESS DISTRICT SOFIA, BULGARIA	4 Jan 44
126	WIENER NEUSTADT HARBOR, AUSTRIA	7 Jan 44
127	REGGIA EMILIA, PLANTS AND M/Y, ITALY	8 Jan 44
128	POLA HARBOR, ITALY	9 Jan 44
129	CITY OF SOFIA, BULGARIA	10 Jan 44
130	HARBOR BASIN OF PIRAEUS, GREECE	11 Jan 44
131	CUDONIA A/D, ITALY	13 Jan 44
132	MOSTAR A/D, YUGOSLAVIA	14 Jan 44
133	AREZZO M/Y, ITALY	15 Jan 44
134	VILLACDRO A/D, ITALY	16 Jan 44
135	VILLACDRO A/D, ITALY	17 Jan 44
136	BOMSI M/Y, ITALY	18 Jan 44
137	A/D OF CENTOCELLE, NEAR ROME	19 Jan 44
138	A/D OF CIAMPIANO, NEAR ROME	20 Jan 44
139	PONTESSIEVE BRIDGE AND M/Y, ITALY	21 Jan 44
140	PONTEDERA M/Y, ITALY	22 Jan 44
141	A/D OF POGGIBONSI, ITALY	23 Jan 44
142	A/D OF SOFIA, BULGARIA	24 Jan 44
143	A/D OF SALON DE PROVENCE, FRANCE <i>Last Mission</i>	27 Jan 44
144	A/D OF AVIANO, ITALY	28 Jan 44
145	A/D OF CERTALDO, ITALY	29 Jan 44
146	A/D OF MANIAGO, ITALY	30 Jan 44
147	A/D OF UDINE, ITALY	31 Jan 44
148	TOULON HARBOR, FRANCE	4 Feb 44
149	A/D OF CISTERNA, ITALY	10 Feb 44
150	M/Y OF VERONA, ITALY	14 Feb 44
151	ST. BENEDICTINE MONASTERY, CASSINO, ITALY	15 Feb 44
152	SHOPS & VEHICLES NEAR ANZIO BEACHHEAD, ITALY	17 Feb 44
153	A/D OF ZAGREB, YUGOSLAVIA	22 Feb 44
154	REGENSBURG, GERMANY	23 Feb 44
155	OIL REFINERY, FIUME, ITALY	24 Feb 44
156	POLA HARBOR, ITALY	25 Feb 44
157	IMPORTANT INSTALLATIONS, REGENSBURG, GERMANY	26 Feb 44
158	TROOP CONCENTRATIONS, ANZIO BEACHHEAD, ITALY	27 Feb 44
159	M/Y OF LITTORIA IN ROME	3 Mar 44
160	SUBMARINE PENS, AT TOULON, FRANCE	7 Mar 44
161	TARGET M/Y OF PADUA, ITALY	11 Mar 44
162	TOWN OF CASSINO IN THE ARMY FRONT AREA, ITALY	15 Mar 44
163	A/C FACTORY AT FISCHAMEND MARKET, GERMANY	17 Mar 44
164	A/D OF VILLACORBA, ITALY	18 Mar 44
165	BALL BEARING WORKS AT STEYR, AUSTRIA	19 Mar 44
166	M/Y AT VERONA, ITALY	28 Mar 44
167	M/Y AND FAIT FACTORIES, TURIN, ITALY	29 Mar 44
168	CITY OF SOFIA, YUGOSLAVIA	30 Mar 44
169	A/C FACTORY AT STEYR, AUSTRIA	2 Apr 44
170	MESSERSCHMITT A/C FACTORY AT BUDAPEST, HUNGARY	3 Apr 44
171	M/Y AT BUCHAREST, ROUMANIA	4 Apr 44
172	PLOESTI	5 Apr 44
173	OIL FIELD AT PLOESTI, ROUMANIA	5 Apr 44
174	M/Y AT TREVISO, ITALY	7 Apr 44
175	A/C AT FISCHAMEND MARKET, AUSTRIA	12 Apr 44
176	GYOR A/C FACTORY AT GYOR, HUNGARY	13 Apr 44
177	M/Y AT PLOESTI, ROUMANIA	15 Apr 44
178	A/D AT BRASOV, ROUMANIA	16 Apr 44
179	A/D AT ROGOZARKI, BELGRADE, ROUMANIA	17 Apr 44
180	M/Y AT VINCENZA, ITALY, VENICE HARBOR, ITALY	20 Apr 44
181	A/C FACTORY AT WIENER NEUSTADT, AUSTRIA	24 Apr 44
182	M/Y AT DRAGASANI, ROUMANIA	25 Apr 44
183	PIOMBINO STEEL FACTORY, ITALY	27 Apr 44
184	TOULON HARBOR, FRANCE	29 Apr 44
185	A/C FACTORY AT VARESE, ITALY	30 Apr 44
186	M/Y AT PLOESTI, ROUMANIA	5 May 44
187	A/D AT BRASOV, ROUMANIA	6 May 44
188	M/Y AT BUCHAREST, ROUMANIA	7 May 44
189	WIENER NEUSTADT, AUSTRIA	10 May 44
190	GERMAN HQ. NORTH OF ROME	12 May 44
191	M/Y AT TRENTO, ITALY	13 May 44

Jim sent a dandy letter of thanks (which I intend to put in an upcoming Newsletter, soon). He also included some info on B-17 plane names which he thought Steve Birdsall might be interested in. Again, I'll try to put same in one of these fine days. Thanks, men! Hope to see both of you in May, naturally!

Combat Missions, Ninety Ninth Bombardment Group (H) Army Air Forces (cont)

192	PIACENZA A/D, ITALY	14 May 44
193	A/D AT PIACENZA	15 May 44
194	M/Y AT PLOESTI, ROUMANIA	18 May 44
195	OIL STORAGE DISPOSAL AT PORTO MARCHEIA, ITALY	19 May 44
196	A/C FACTORY AT ATZGERSDORF, AUSTRIA	24 May 44
197	TOWN AND M/Y AT BIHAC, YUGOSLAVIA	27 May 44
198	M/Y AT AVIGNON, FRANCE	28 May 44
199	A/DAT WOLLENDARF, AUSTRIA	29 May 44
200	M/Y AT DEBRECEN, HUNGARY - LANDED AT POLTAVA, RUSSIA	2 Jun 44
201	A/DAT GALATZ, ROUMANIA, FROM POLTAVA FIELD	6 Jun 44
202	A/DAT FOSCANI, ROUMANIA, FROM POLTAVA FIELD	11 Jun 44
203	A/DAT ODERFAFFENHOFEN, AUSTRIA	13 Jun 44
204	OIL REFINERY AT BUDAPEST, HUNGARY	14 Jun 44
205	KAGRAN OIL REFINERY NEAR VIENNA, AUSTRIA	16 Jun 44
206	M/Y AT MODENE, ITALY	22 Jun 44
207	PLOESTI OIL REFINERY, ROUMANIA	23 Jun 44
208	OIL REFINERY AT SETE, FRANCE	25 Jun 44
209	OIL TANKS WAREHOUSES, M/Y AT VIENNA	26 Jun 44
210	OIL DEPOT, AIRFIELDS, M/Y AT BUDAPEST, BULGARIA	27 Jun 44
211	OIL REFINERY, UJEST, GERMANY	30 Jun 44
212	ALMAS FUZITO OIL REFINERY, GERMANY	2 Jul 44
213	OIL REFINERY, BRASOV, ROUMANIA	4 Jul 44
214	M/Y AT MONTPELLIER, FRANCE	5 Jul 44
215	STEEL WORKS AT BERGAMMO, ITALY	6 Jul 44
216	OIL REFINERY AT BLECHHAMMER, GERMANY	7 Jul 44
217	ZWOFAXING A/D NEAR VIENNA, AUSTRIA	8 Jul 44
218	VIENNA OIL REFINERY, AUSTRIA	9 Jul 44
219	RR/B, PINZANO, ITALY	13 Jul 44
220	OIL REFINERIES, BUDAPEST, HUNGARY	14 Jul 44
221	OIL REFINERIES, PLOESTI, ROUMANIA	15 Jul 44
222	OIL REFINERIES, VIENNA, AUSTRIA	16 Jul 44
223	ORDNANCE DEPOT, MUNICH, GERMANY	19 Jul 44
224	A/D AT MEMMINGEN, GERMANY	20 Jul 44
225	OIL REFINERIES AT BRUX, CZECHOSLOVAKIA	21 Jul 44
226	ROMANO AMERICANO OIL REFINERY, PLOESTI	22 Jul 44
227	TANK WORKS AT TURIN, ITALY	24 Jul 44
228	HERMAN GOERING TANK WORKS AT LINZ, AUSTRIA	25 Jul 44
229	WEINER NEUDORF A/C FACTORY AT VIENNA, AUSTRIA	26 Jul 44
230	OIL REFINERIES AT PLOESTI, ROUMANIA	28 Jul 44
231	A/DAT BUDAPEST, ROUMANIA	30 Jul 44
232	OIL REFINERY, PLOESTI, ROUMANIA	31 Jul 44
233	M/Y AT VALENCES, FRANCE	2 Aug 44
234	CHEMICAL WORKS AT FRIEDRICHSHAFEN, GERMANY	3 Aug 44
235	PORTES LES VALENCES AND M/Y AT FRANCE	6 Aug 44
236	OIL REFINERY IN BLECHHAMMER, GERMANY	7 Aug 44
237	GYOR A/C FACTORY AT GYOR, GERMANY	8 Aug 44
238	FUEL DUMPS, PLOESTI, ROUMANIA	10 Aug 44
239	GUN INSTALLATIONS AT SAVONA, ITALY	12 Aug 44
240	GUN INSTALLATIONS AT GENOA, ITALY	13 Aug 44
241	GUN INSTALLATIONS AT TOULON, FRANCE	14 Aug 44
242	BOMBING OF THE INVASION COAST OF S. FRANCE	15 Aug 44
243	TARGET A/D at NIS, YUGOSLAVIA	17 Aug 44
244	PLOESTI OIL FIELDS, ROUMANIA	18 Aug 44
245	OIL REFINERY AT OSWIECIM, POLAND	20 Aug 44
246	OIL REFINERY AT ODERTAL, GERMANY	22 Aug 44
247	WEINER NEUDORF, ENGINE FACTORY AT VIENNA	23 Aug 44
248	PARDURICE A/D, CZECHOSLAVAKIA	24 Aug 44
249	BRNO A/C FACTORY AT BRNO, CZECHOSLAVAKIA	25 Aug 44
250	AVISO VRACLUCT RAILROAD BRIDGE AT VIENNA	26 Aug 44
251	SYNTHETIC OIL REFINERY AT BLECHHAMMER	27 Aug 44
252	OIL REFINERY, MOOSBIERBAUM, AUSTRIA	28 Aug 44
253	BOHUMIN OIL REFINERY, CZECHOSLAVAKIA	29 Aug 44
254	NOVI SAD RR/B AT NOVI SAD, YUGOSLAVIA	30 Aug 44
255	HIGHWAY BRIDGE AT BELGRADE, YUGOSLAVIA	3 Sep 44
256	SEVEN SUBMARINE AT GENOA HARBOR, ITALY	4 Sep 44
257	RR/B AT BUDAPEST, HUNGARY	5 Sep 44
258	ORADEA RR/M/Y, AT ORADEA, ROUMANIA	6 Sep 44
259	RR/B AT BRNO, YUGOSLAVIA	8 Sep 44
260	LOBAU OIL REFINERY AT VIENNA, AUSTRIA	10 Sep 44

To the Editor, or Editors of the 17th Bomb Group 'Sortie': Thanks for letting us in on your terrific, humorous Newsletters! You guys are out of your tree! Keep up the good work. I know George knows you, but I don't, I'm sorry to say When you get an extra minute, drop me a line, please! Thanks! (frank english)

Combat Missions, Ninety Ninth Bombardment Group (H) Army Air Forces (cont)

261	LECHFELD A/D AT MUNICH, GERMANY	12 Sep 44
262	BLECHHAMMER SYNTHETIC OIL PLANT, GERMANY	13 Sep 44
263	KALAMAKI A/D AT ATHENS, GREECE	15 Sep 44
264	RAKOS M/Y AT BUDAPEST HUNGARY	17 Sep 44
265	RR/B AT NOVI SAD, YUGOSLAVIA	18 Sep 44
266	SZOB RR/B, AT SZOB, HUNGARY	20 Sep 44
267	M/Y AT BEKECABA, HUNGARY	21 Sep 44
268	INDUSTRIAL AREA AT MUNICH, GERMANY	22 Sep 44
269	OIL REFINERY AT BROX, GERMANY	23 Sep 44
270	M/Y AT MUNICH, GERMANY	5 Oct 44
271	NOVA ZAMKY OIL REFINERIES AT AUSTRIA	7 Oct 44
272	LOBAU OIL REFINERY AT VIENNA, AUSTRIA	8 Oct 44
273	M/Y AT MESTRE, ITALY	10 Oct 44
274	OIL REFINERY, SOUTH OF VIENNA, AUSTRIA	11 Oct 44
275	GERMANSHEVOUAC AREA, SOUTH OF BOLOGNA, ITALY	12 Oct 44
276	OIL REFINERY AT BLECHHAMMER, GERMANY	13 Oct 44
277	FLORISDORF OIL REFINERY AT VIENNA, AUSTRIA	13 Oct 44
278	OIL REFINERY SOUTH OF BLECHHAMMER, GERMANY	14 Oct 44
279	HIGHWAY BRIDGE ON DAURU RIVER, VILLACH, GERMANY	16 Oct 44
280	SYNTHETIC OIL PLANTS, BLECHHAMMER, GERMANY	17 Oct 44
281	OIL STORAGE AT REGENSBURG, GERMANY	20 Oct 44
282	SKODA ARMAMENT WORKS AT PILSENA, CZECHOSLAVAKIA	23 Oct 44
283	M/Y AT INNSBRUCK, AUSTRIA	26 Oct 44
284	A/D AT KLAGENFURT, AUSTRIA - DAY	28 Oct 44
285	M/Y AT MUNICH GERMANY - NIGHT	28 Oct 44
286	A/D AT KLAGENFURT, AUSTRIA	1 Nov 44
287	ORDNANCE DEPOT AT VIENNA, AUSTRIA	2 Nov 44
288	OIL REFINERIES SOUTH OF VIENNA, AUSTRIA	3 Nov 44
289	REGENSBURG OIL STORAGE, GERMANY	4 Nov 44
290	OIL REFINERIES SOUTH OF VIENNA, AUSTRIA	5 Nov 44
291	TANK WORKS AT KAPPENBURG, AUSTRIA	6 Nov 44
292	M/Y AT MARIBOR, YUGOSLAVIA, DAY	7 Nov 44
293	FLORISDORF OIL REFINERY, AUSTRIA, NIGHT	7 Nov 44
294	OIL REFINERY SOUTH OF BLECHHAMMER, GERMANY	13 Nov 44
295	LINZ BENZOL M/Y IN AUSTRIA	15 Nov 44
296	M/Y WEST OF MUNICH, GERMANY	16 Nov 44
297	M/Y AT SALZBURG, AUSTRIA	17 Nov 44
298	FLORISDORF OIL REFINERIES AT VIENNA	18 Nov 44
299	WINTERHAFEN OIL REFINERY AT VIENNA	19 Nov 44
300	M/Y AT BRNO, CZECHOSLAVAKIA	20 Nov 44
301	M/Y AT MUNICH, GERMANY	22 Nov 44
302	OIL STORAGE AT WINTERHAFEN, AUSTRIA	25 Nov 44
303	M/Y AT BRNO, CZECHOSLAVAKIA	27 Nov 44
304	OIL REFINERY SOUTH OF BLECHHAMMER, GERMANY	2 Dec 44
305	VIENNA GOODS SIDING, AUSTRIA	3 Dec 44
306	GOODS YARD AT LINZ, AUSTRIA	4 Dec 44
307	M/Y AT ZAGREB, YUGOSLAVIA	5 Dec 44
308	M/Y WEST OF SALZBURG, AUSTRIA	7 Dec 44
309	OIL REFINERY AT MOOSBIERBAUM, VIENNA	8 Dec 44
310	MOOSBIERBAUM OIL REFINERY AT VIENNA	11 Dec 44
311	OIL REFINERY AT BLECHHAMMER, GERMANY	12 Dec 44
312	M/Y AT LINZ, AUSTRIA	15 Dec 44
313	KALAMAKI AND HASSANI A/D, GREECE	15 Dec 44
314	OIL REFINERY AT BRUX, GERMANY	16 Dec 44
315	OIL REFINERY AT BLECHHAMMER, GERMANY	17 Dec 44
316	OIL REFINERY AT ODERTAL, GERMANY	18 Dec 44
317	RR/B AT FERARA, ITALY	19 Dec 44
318	OIL REFINERY NORTH OF BLECHHAMMER, GERMANY	19 Dec 44
319	M/Y AT LINZ, AUSTRIA	20 Dec 44
320	SYNTHETIC OIL REFINERY AT BRUX, GERMANY	25 Dec 44
321	OIL REFINERY SOUTH OF BLECHHAMMER, GERMANY	26 Dec 44
322	M/Y AT LINZ, AUSTRIA	27 Dec 44
323	OIL REFINERY AT REGENSBURG, GERMANY	28 Dec 44
324	CASTEL FRANCO, ITALY	29 Dec 44
325	PORTO MUOVO M/Y AT VERONA, ITALY	4 Jan 45
326	MAIN STATION YARD AT LINZ, AUSTRIA	8 Jan 45
327	M/Y NORTHEAST OF VIENNA, AUSTRIA	15 Jan 45
328	M/Y NORTH OF BRNO, YUGOSLAVIA	19 Jan 45

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Combat Missions, Ninety Ninth Bombardment Group (H) Army Air Forces (cont)

329	OIL STORAGE YARDS, REGENSBURG, GERMANY	20 Jan 45
330	INDUSTRIAL AREA IN VIENNA, AUSTRIA	21 Jan 45
331	MOOSBIERBAUM OIL STORAGE AT VIENNA	31 Jan 45
332	MOOSBIERBAUM OIL REFINERY AT VIENNA	1 Feb 45
333	OIL REFINERY AT REGENSBURG, GERMANY	5 Feb 45
334	LOBAU OIL REFINERY VIENNA, AUSTRIA	7 Feb 45
335	M/Y AT GRAZ, AUSTRIA	8 Feb 45
336	MOOSBIERBAUM OIL REFINERY, AUSTRIA	9 Feb 45
337	SCHWECHAT OIL REFINERY AT VIENNA, AUSTRIA	14 Feb 45
338	SOUTH STATION YARDS AT VIENNA, AUSTRIA	15 Feb 45
339	M/Y AT BOLZANO, ITALY	16 Feb 45
340	MAIN M/Y AT LINZ, AUSTRIA	17 Feb 45
341	MAIN M/Y AT LINZ, AUSTRIA	18 Feb 45
342	MAIN M/Y AT LINZ, AUSTRIA	19 Feb 45
343	M/Y AT KLAGENFURT, AUSTRIA	19 Feb 45
344	OIL REFINERY LOBAU, AT VIENNA, AUSTRIA	20 Feb 45
345	CENTRAL M/Y AND SHOPS IN VIENNA, AUSTRIA	21 Feb 45
346	M/Y AT MONGUEFLO, ITALY	22 Feb 45
347	M/Y AT WORGL, AUSTRIA	23 Feb 45
348	M/Y AT GRAZ, AUSTRIA	24 Feb 45
349	MAIN M/Y AT LINZ, AUSTRIA	25 Feb 45
350	M/Y AT AUGSBURG, GERMANY	27 Feb 45
351	RR/B AT VERONA, N. ITALY	28 Feb 45
352	MOOSBIERBAUM OIL REFINERY AT VIENNA	1 Mar 45
353	M/Y NORTH OF LINZ, AUSTRIA	2 Mar 45
354	M/Y WEST OF SOPRON, HUNGARY	4 Mar 45
355	M/Y AT HEGYSHALOM, HUNGARY	8 Mar 45
356	M/Y AT GRAZ, AUSTRIA	9 Mar 45
357	RR/B AT VERONA, N. ITALY	10 Mar 45
358	FLORISDORF OIL REFINERY IN VIENNA	12 Mar 45
359	MAIN M/Y IN REGENSBURG, GERMANY	13 Mar 45
360	ALMASFUZITO OIL REFINERY IN HUNGARY	14 Mar 45
361	RUHLAND OIL REFINERY NEAR BERLIN, GERMANY	15 Mar 45
362	FLORISDORF OIL REFINERY IN VIENNA, AUSTRIA	16 Mar 45
363	M/Y AT LANDSHUT, GERMANY	19 Mar 45
364	KORNEUBERT OIL REFINERY IN VIENNA, AUSTRIA	20 Mar 45
365	FLORISDORF OIL REFINERY IN VIENNA, AUSTRIA	21 Mar 45
366	RUHLAND OIL REFINERY NEAR BERLIN, GERMANY	22 Mar 45
367	RUHLAND OIL REFINERY NEAR BERLIN, GERMANY	23 Mar 45
368	DAIMLER BENZ TANK WORKS IN BERLIN, GERMANY	24 Mar 45
369	A/D AT PRAGUE KBELY, CZECHOSLAVAKIA	25 Mar 45
370	SORTING SIDINGS DEPOT AT WEINER NEUSTADT	26 Mar 45
371	NORTH GOODS DEPOT IN VIENNA, AUSTRIA	30 Mar 45
372	MAIN M/Y STATION IN VIENNA, AUSTRIA	31 Mar 45
373	RR/B AT MARIBOR, YUGOSLAVIA	1 Apr 45
374	M/Y AT GRAZ, AUSTRIA	2 Apr 45
375	A/D AT UDINE IN N. ITALY	5 Apr 45
376	RR/B AT VERONA, ITALY	6 Apr 45
377	RR/B AT CAMPO DITRENE, N. ITALY	7 Apr 45
378	RR/B AT BRESSANONE, N. ITALY	8 Apr 45
379	MILITARY INSTALLATION, SANTERNO RIVER IN N. ITALY	9 Apr 45
380	MILITARY INSTALLATION, SANTERNO RIVER IN N. ITALY	10 Apr 45
381	RR/B AT PADUA, N. ITALY	11 Apr 45
382	AMMO DUMP AT MALCONTENTO, N. ITALY	12 Apr 45
383	AMMO DUMP AT AVIGLIANA, N. ITALY	13 Apr 45
384	RR/B AT NERVESA, N. ITALY	14 Apr 45
385	TROOP CONCENTRATIONS, BOLOGNA, N. ITALY	15 Apr 45
386	TROOP CONCENTRATIONS, BOLOGNA, N. ITALY	16 Apr 45
387	TROOP CONCENTRATIONS, BOLOGNA, N. ITALY	17 Apr 45
388	TROOP CONCENTRATIONS, BOLOGNA, N. ITALY	18 Apr 45
389	RR/B AT RATTENBURG, AUSTRIA	19 Apr 45
390	M/Y AT VIPETENA, N. ITALY	20 Apr 45
391	M/Y AT ATTNANY PUCHEIN, AUSTRIA	21 Apr 45
392	HIGHWAY BRIDGE AT ALBARDEO, N. ITALY	23 Apr 45
393	MAIN M/Y SOUTH OF LINZ, AUSTRIA	24 Apr 45
394	RR/B AT DRAUBURG, AUSTRIA	24 Apr 45
395	AMMO DUMP AT BOLZANO, N. ITALY	26 Apr 45

WALTER HAMBERG,
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KEITH WINDRUM
DISTRICT JUDGE
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May 6, 1982

RICHARD D. GASS
OFFICIAL REPORTER

Mr. George F. Coen
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Albuquerque, New Mexico 87110

Dear George:

I note that you would like to hear from crews who flew on May 3, 1943.

My memory concerning that raid is very vivid.

If you will recall, we were to bomb heavily laden ferries in Lake Bizerte. At the briefing, our weather officer suggested that the field would be closed in upon our return. Over the target, we could see through the clouds and there were no ferries in the lake.

Upon the return flight, we were flying "Sweater Girl" on the extreme left position of the group. We came to the front and were circling very tightly. I neglected to switch my radio over on command, and did not hear Colonel Upthegrove's directions to separate and each be on our own. However, the circles were getting tighter and tighter and I was unable to maintain my position and was forced to pull out of the formation. At that moment all of the planes were dispersing. Prior to pulling out of the formation, I had happened to notice a railroad track through a small hole in the underlying clouds. I dove for this hole, flying parallel with the railroad tracks. At my speed I was unable to push the nose down fast enough to hit the hole. However, as it was getting dark and since I was flying parallel with the railroad track, I proceeded through the clouds and came out with about a 200 foot ceiling.

We proceeded along the railroad tracks for a few minutes and came over a small airdrome that had no runway, as I recall it. but was grass. There were a few galvanized shacks and one or two Hurricane airplanes. We managed to land. We were greeted by the pilot who had flown the re-con flight that morning. He informed us that he had reported that there was nothing in Lake Bizerte.

We were approximately 35 miles from our home base as I recall. We were just east of Constantine. Two of the men were left as guards and we made it to the home base that evening.

We saved the bombs, but the field was too short to take off fully loaded. We unloaded the bombs and took off without incident. No damage was suffered.

A little over a year ago my son was visiting with me and mentioning that he had gone through the Eisenhower tunnel. And for the first time it dawned on me that maybe in following the railroad track, I might have come to a railroad tunnel!!!

I flew on the July 5th, 1943 raid. I have nothing to add to that which is already known. It was quite an air battle! I remember that the waist section was several inches deep in spent casings when the battle was over.

I plan on retiring in the not-too-distant future. At that time, it is our plans to attend some of your reunions. Appreciate your good work.

Sincerely yours, KEITH WINDRUM

Dear Keith (Your Gavelship),

I know we don't know each other from Adam, but speaking for myself, and all the motley 99ers, we sure enjoyed your jim dandy letter to George. (For all who do not know, Keith is District Judge, 13th Judicial District, North Platte!) It behooves us all to be careful not to push old ladies off the curb, when visiting, or passing through his fair city. Enough said!

By the way, I have noticed your name, Kieth, on a couple of Rosters. I'd give George at least a week in the 'Pokey' for that! Seriously, I see the names of Henderson, and West on different Rosters, also. You mentioned to George about a list of other names; I hope they are already in our latest Roster, now. If not, good old Trigger will initiate same. (*frank english*)

The 99th BGHS has been declared a Non-profit Organization under IRS Code Section 501(c)(19), which exempts us from the Income Tax on our profits of 0 (zero) dollars. However when we applied for State of New Mexico exemption on sales tax, we were informed that exemption under Section 501(c)(3) was required. Since we do not have the pertinent code available, and neither does the local IRS office, we do not know what this means, but it is back to square One for us.

So now you know.

gfc

We see by the Newsletter that Ben Warner graduated from UCLA. Perhaps some alumnus of that institution will be able to locate him from an alumni roster. We have not been able to trace him.

(KIA-'44, I think, out of Tortorella (?) - by flak in the jugular vein.)

BOOK REVIEW

The History of the United States Air Force chronicles the events of this service from its earliest days as a balloon unit during the Civil War to its current tenuous foothold on the doorstep of space.

WWI, II, Korea, the Cold War, Cuba and Vietnam are all featured in this fascinating account...No other book ever published on the United States Air Force has combined text, color artwork and photographs to such outstanding effect.

(The History of the United States Air Force by David A. Anderton)---

Crescent Books, New York

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NOTE: In regard to the upcoming 15th AF 40th Anniversary, which I mentioned in the Nov. 1, 1982 Newsletter, the dates are Nov. 1-5. The Good Lord willing, I plan to attend. I'm sure some of you other Californians will be there, likewise, as March AFB is not too far!

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NOT HAVING HEARD AS YET, would the person who left the AERIAL PHOTOS mentioned in the LAST Newsletter, in Muskegon, please drop me a note to let me know if they were intended for our HISTORICAL FILE, or to be returned to the OWNER; courtesy of Norman (Bud) Kaufman (who sent them

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To BOB KARSTENSEN: Thanks for your letter, Bob, of Nov. 13. (In color, . You asked how I got roped into this mess. Very simple! I was washing my i. and the lid fell on my head; I haven't been the same since! I'll watch myself as regards the remarks about your good old 24 from now on. I'm going to try and send a Xerox of your letter to Gen. Upthegrove. Fair man that he is, I'll wager both our chances are 50-50. Thanks. and our best to you. (frank)

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To Jim Sopp, again! Gen. Upthegrove very generously sent me a dandy aerial photo of Tortorella; however, it mainly shows the Hdqtrs area only, and not the whole field. I had said photo reshot and will put same in a Newsletter with questions. I recognize our briefing, and movie bldg., etc. but as for generalities, I'm disoriented, frankly! Someone will know and let us in!

Progress Report

Membership, Nov. 26, 1982
361 Members
158 Prospects

Finances
Balance 1Apr82 1121.14
Supplies 583.70
Newsletter 675.42
Dues & Donation 1266.00
Balance 1Nov82 1128.02

We are organizing the files, and in the process are giving everybody a second chance to join.

Thanks to the 16 members who have sent in their 1983 dues. Receipt will be acknowledged by the date, 1983, written in the upper right corner of the address label, and no new card will be sent.

Our special thanks to those who sent in donations. We thank Burson, D.R.Black, R.A.Stack, Bernard Raftery, Frank H. English, Alvin S. Bragiel, E.J.Murphy, Keith Windrum, Charles Bilharz, Mike Yarina, James S. Peters, M.J.Heffran, Carmen Capone, and probably one or two others whom we may have missed and to whom we apologize. Too much reunion!
george f. coen

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For protection, my father bought me a dog. He was a wonderful watchdog. One night while I was being held up, he watched.

Everybody who has a dog calls him either Rover, or Boy. I call mine Sex. Now Sex is a very embarrassing name. One day I took Sex for a walk and he ran away from me. I spent hours looking for the dog. A cop came over to me and said, "What are you doing in this alley at 4 in the morning"? I said, "I'm looking for Sex". My case comes up Friday.

One day I went to City Hall to get a dog license and told the clerk, "I would like to have a license for Sex". He said, "I would too". Then I said, "But this is a dog". And he said he didn't care how she looked. Then I said, "You don't understand, I have had Sex since I was 2 years old". He said, "You must have been a very strong baby".

I told him when my wife and I separated, we went to court to fight for custody of the dog. I said, "Your Honor, I had Sex before I was married", and the Judge said, "Me, too". When I told him I had Sex on TV, he said, "Showoff". I told him it was a contest and he told me I should have sold tickets. I also told the Judge about the time when my wife and I were on our honeymoon and we took the dog, Sex. When I checked into the motel, I told the clerk I wanted a room for my wife and a special room for Sex. The clerk said that every room in the motel was for Sex. Then I said, "You don't understand, Sex keeps me awake at night".

And the clerk said, "Me, too".....I give up!



REMEMBER TO START MAKING PLANS NOW FOR OUR UPCOMING REUNION (or 'Debacle' as I am wont to call it), in ALBUQUERQUE, N.M., THIS COMING MAY 13, 14, & 15th. LOCATION THE SAME--THE WINROCK! MORE INFO WILL BE FORTHCOMING FROM REX CARNES--OUR MAN FROM THE 416th, WHOM I'M LED TO BELIEVE. IS THE HEAD 'HONCHO'!

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LET'S COMMEMORATE THE B-17 ON A POSTAGE STAMP!
DON'T FORGET! THE B-17 WILL BE CELEBRATING IT'S 50th BIRTHDAY
IN 1985! HOW ABOUT GETTING TOGETHER IN SEATTLE THEN???